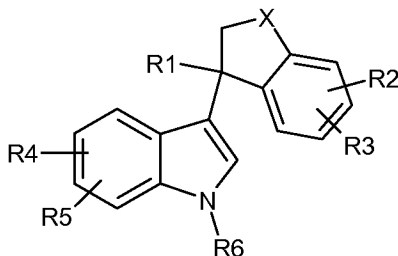


Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula:



Formula I

wherein,

X represents $-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{S}-$, or $-\text{CH}_2\text{NR}^{10}-$ or $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$;

R^1 represents hydrogen, $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkyl}$, $(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_7)\text{cycloalkyl}$, hydroxy $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkyl}$, halo $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkyl}$, $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkyl-heterocycle}$, $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkyl-NH}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkylamine}$, or $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkyl-N,N}-(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{dialkylamine}$;

R^2 represents hydrogen, halo, $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkyl}$, heterocycle, or substituted heterocycle;

R^3 represents hydrogen, halo, $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkyl}$, heterocycle, or substituted heterocycle;

R^4 represents NHSO_2CH_3 ;

R^5 represents hydrogen;

R^6 represents hydrogen or $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkyl}$;

R^7 represents $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkyl}$, aryl, $\text{NH}(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkylamine}$, or $\text{N,N}-(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{dialkylamine}$;

R^8 represents $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkyl}$, $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkoxy}$, or aryl $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkoxy}$;

R^9 represents $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkyl}$ or $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkoxy}$, and

R^{10} represents hydrogen, $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkyl}$, $(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_7)\text{cycloalkyl}$, or $(\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4)\text{alkyl}-(\text{C}_3\text{-C}_7)\text{cycloalkyl}$,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The compound according to ~~Claim 3~~Claim 1 wherein X represents -CH₂- or -CH₂CH₂-.
5. (Currently Amended) The compound according to ~~Claim 3~~Claim 1 wherein X represents -CH₂O-.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R¹ represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, hydroxy(C₁-C₄)alkyl, halo(C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₁-C₄)alkyl-heterocycle, (C₁-C₄)alkyl-NH(C₁-C₄)alkylamine, or (C₁-C₄)alkyl-N,N-(C₁-C₄)dialkylamine.
8. (Original) The compound according to Claim 7 wherein R¹ represents methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, hydroxy(C₁-C₄)alkyl, halo(C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₁-C₄)alkyl-heterocycle, (C₁-C₄)alkyl-NH(C₁-C₄)alkylamine, or (C₁-C₄)alkyl-N,N-(C₁-C₄)dialkylamine.
9. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R² represents hydrogen, halo, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, heterocycle, or substituted heterocycle.
10. (Original) The compound according to Claim 9 wherein R² represents hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, bromo, methyl, ethyl, propyl, or isopropyl.
11. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R³ represents hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, or bromo.
12. (Original) The compound according to Claim 11 wherein R³ represents hydrogen or fluoro.
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Cancelled)
15. (Cancelled)
16. (Cancelled)
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R⁶ represents hydrogen, methyl, or ethyl.
19. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound according to Claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient.

- 20. (Cancelled)
- 21. (Cancelled)
- 22. (Cancelled)
- 23. (Cancelled)
- 24. (Cancelled)
- 25. (Cancelled)
- 26. (Cancelled)
- 27. (Cancelled)
- 28. (Cancelled)
- 29. (Cancelled)
- 30. (Cancelled)
- 31. (Cancelled)
- 32. (Cancelled)
- 33. (Cancelled)

34. (Previously Presented) A compound selected from the group consisting of N-[3-(1-Ethyl-5-fluoro-indan-1-yl)-1H-indol-7-yl]-methanesulfonamide, N-[3-(6-Fluoro-1-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1-yl)-1H-indol-7-yl]-methanesulfonamide, N-[3-(6,8-Difluoro-1-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-naphthalen-1-yl)-1H-indol-7-yl]-methanesulfonamide, N-[3-(4-Ethyl-7-fluoro-chroman-4-yl)-1H-indol-7-yl]-methanesulfonamide, and N-[3-(1-Cyclopropyl-5-fluoro-indan-1-yl)-1H-indol-7-yl]-methanesulfonamide, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.